MINUTES

OF THE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH SESSION

OF THE

OCMULGEE ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT CAMP CREEK

Baldwin County, Georgia

September 10, 11 and 12, 1920

J. D. CURTIS, Moderator, Mansfield, Ga.
J. W. NEWTON, Clerk, Forsyth, Ga.

MINUTES

Of the One Hundred and Tenth Session of the Ocmulgee Association held with the church at Camp Creek, Baldwin County, Georgia, September 10th, 11th and 12th, 1920.

1st. The Association convened at 10:30. Prayer by Elder J. F. Collins. Preaching by Elder W. J. Heard, of the Echeconnee Association, using as a text Ephesians 2nd chapter, 8th and 9th verse.

2nd. After song and prayer by Elder W. J. Hull, the Association was called to order by J. W. Newton as Clerk in the absence of Elder J. H. Gresham, who was too feeble to attend.

3rd. Called for letters from the churches composing the Association, which were read by Elder Rees, Prather and Dr. J. H. Heard.

4th. Enrolled messengers and appointed Elder J. D. Curtis Moderator and J. W. Newton Clerk.

5th. Extended an invitation to visitors to seats with us.

6th. Adopted same order of business as at our former sessions.

7th. On motion, called for petitionary letters of membership. None presented.

8th. The Moderator appointed committees as follows:

On Finance—T. J. Bazemore, W. M. James, J. M. Tyner.

On Preaching—E. E. Carter, D. M. Moore, J. M. Tyner, J. W. Curtis, J. P. Green, with Camp Creek messengers.

9th. Appointed J. W. Newton and T. J. Bazemore to write the corresponding letter.

10th. To examine and report on the circular letter written by Elder J. D. Curtis—Brethren T. J. Bazemore and J. M. Tyner.

11th. To write the next circular letter—Brother J. M. Tyner.

12th. Called for correspondence from Sister Associations with whom we correspond, and received as follows:

Yellow River—Elders R. L. Cook and J. F. Moss, and Brother J. O. Adams.

Oconee—W. L. Allen.

Delaware River and Warwick—No tidings.

Kehukee—Minutes.

Echeconnee—Elders J. A. Monsees, W. O. Meek, W. J. Heard, B.

F. Williamson, J. T. Reynolds, Brethren O. A. Cliater, W. M. Jones, Primitive Western—Elder Reese Prather.

Primitive Ebenezer—Elder J. F. Collins, and Brethren J. J. McArthur, J. H. Howell, J. W. Davidson, H. M. Bloodworth.

13th. Appointed correspondents to Sister Associations with whom we correspond:

Yellow River—Elder W. J. Green, J. I. Farmer.

Echeconnee—Elder W. J. Green, C. R. Smith, J. M. Tyner, G. W. Webb.

Primitive Ebenezer—Elder W. J. Green, Brethren J. I. Farmer and C. M. Hudson.

Primitive Western—Minutes.

Marietta—Elder J. D. Curtis.

Oconee—J. O. Hitchcock.

Delaware River and Warwick—Send Minutes.

Kehukee—Send Minutes.

14th. Adjourned business session to 8:30 tomorrow morning. Prayer by Elder W. J. Hull. After one hour for dinner the following elders were appointed to preach at the stand: W. J. Hull, followed by J. N. Dunaway, who came forward in the order of their names.

SATURDAY, 8:30 A. M.

15th. The Association convened. Prayer by Elder J. A. Monsees. Called the roll.

16th. Called for further correspondence and received from the Lott's Creek Association, with whom we agreed to open correspondence at our last session but omitted to give notice in our last Minutes, Elders Henry Swain and V. B. White of Lotts Creek Association, and Brethren F. B. Wilder, D. C. Wallace, R. C. Hicks, W. C. Lewis from the Echeconnee. T. H. Bragg, John Carr from the Ebenezer Association. J. N. Jones of the Yellow River Association.

17th. Called for visiting brethren with whom we do not correspond, and received W. J. Hull of Chiwatchee Association of Alabama, and J. N. Dunaway of Bethlehem church, Tennessee.

18th. Called for the corresponding letter, which was read, received and adopted.

19th. Called for the circular letter, written by Elder J. D. Cur-

tis, which was read, and after being highly commended for its declaration of apostolic teaching, was adopted.

20th. Appointed our Union Meeting to be held with the church Mount Zion, Jones county, Georgia, near Gray, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in July, 1921.

21st. Appointed the next session to be held with the church at Ephesus, Monroe county, Georgia, commencing Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1921, 3 miles from Juliette on Southern railroad, 7 miles from Forsyth on Central of Georgia railroad.

22nd. We extend to the brethren and friends who so kindly entertained us during our session our thanks for the open-hearted hospitality we received at their hands.

Ordered that our Decorum be printed n these Minutes, and that 500 copies be printed.

23. After song and prayer by Elder J. N. Dunaway, adjourned for this session.

ELDER JOHN D. CURTIS, Moderator, Mansfield, Ga.
J. W. NEWTON, Clerk, Forsyth, Ga.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Introductory—Elder W. J. Heard.

Afternoon—Elder W. J. Hull, followed by Elder Dunaway.

Saturday a. m.—Elder V. B. White, followed by Elder Henry Swain.

Saturday p. m.—Elder John F. Lord, followed by Elder J. F. Collins.

Sunday a. m.—Elder Reese Prather, followed by Elder B. F. Williamson.

LIST OF MINISTERS

Elder J. H. Gresham, Round Oak, Ga.
Elder J. T. Glover, Round Oak, Ga.
Elder John D. Curtis, Mansfield, Ga.
Elder W. J. Green, Gray, Ga.
T. C. Hammock (licentiate), Gray, Ga.

LIST OF VISITING MINISTERS

J. H. Hull, Headland, Ala.; J. N. Dunaway, Bethlehem Church,

Tenn.; A. P. Tucker, Moultrie, Ga.; J. F. Collins, of the Ebenezer Association; John F. Lord, Atlanta, Ga.; J. T. Reynolds, Macon, Ga.; B. F. Williamson, Lizella, Ga.; W. J. Heard, Macon, Ga.; J. A. Monsees, Macon, Ga.; J. F. Moss, Covington, Ga.; R. L. Cook, Social Circle, Ga.; Reese Prather, LaGrange, Ga.; V. B. White, Pembroke, Ga.; Henry Swain, Graymont, Ga.; J. M. Woodard, Hawkinsville, Ga.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Ocmulgee Association in its 110th annual association, held with the church at Camp Creek, Baldwin County, Georgia, to the churches of the Association with whom we correspond, sendeth greetings:

Dear Brethren: Once more the God of all grace has blessed us to meet in our annual session and greet many familiar faces and to hear from you through your messengers. We have heard with delight the several ministers of other Associations proclaim this same Jesus as prophesied of old which is our hope and support unto this day. His promises to His people are sure.

Therefore, beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord and no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.

We rejoice at the coming of your messengers and desire a continuance of correspondence.

The next session of our body is to be held with Ephesus church, Monroe county, Georgia, beginning Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1921, where and when we hope to receive your Minutes and Messengers. May the love, communion and fellowship abound among the people of our God everywhere, is our sincere desire.

J. D. CURTIS, Moderator.
J. W. NEWTON, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER

The Ocmulgee Association, in its annual session, 1920, to the churches of which she is composed sends greetings.

Dear Brethren and Sisters in the Lord: We desire again to address you by way of circular letter. We call your attention to St.

Matthew, 28th chapter and 20th verse, viz: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Dear brethren and sisters of the Ocmulgee Association, this command will apply to us and all others of like precious faith. The first duty to the heaven born child is go to the church, follow the blessed Savior into the watery grave, arise to newness of life. Now, did you ever consider that those special duties you are commanded to observe are the ones you have a mind to want to do, but for a feeling sense of unworthiness they seem too great, too high for you? You have a cross to take up, self must be denied. There are special duties to special characters. The minister, the deacon and the layman all should be at our place round about the camp ready to do what we feel impressed to do for He works in us, to will and to do of His good pleasure.

Then let us amid the many trials, troubles and difficulties incident to this life remember to not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, but should highly appreciate the sweet privilege we have in our monthly meetings and also in our annual association, where we can meet with those of like precious faith in love and fellowship. We should feel that we are the highly favored of the Lord, where we can sing of His love and talk of His power; but while we are thus favored let us not forget those of our body who seem for the time to be denied those sweet blessings (Old Enon, Fellowship and others). Let us sympathize with them and visit them in their lonely condition. We should love to cherish the memory of those men of God that have passed away and feel thankful that we can yet trust the Lord to send us servants who—

Of the faithful true old Baptist,
  Believing what the Lord has said,
He would be with all his preachers,
  And they surely would be fed.
Thus they go without a salary,
  Traveling forth from place to place,
Telling us the same sweet story—
  Sinners saved by sovereign grace.

Then while others are very busy in raising millions and millions

to help their gods, let us be very thankful that it is written that our Lord will provide and while others may be striving to go over the top, may we ever be kept humble at the feet of each other and at the footstool of sovereign mercy.

The commands of Jesus are both obligatory and prohibitory, not only duties we should observe but things we should abstain from.

Then, dear brethren and sisters, while it seems our ranks are diminishing, let us remember to heed the apostle's admonition, Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. The work of the Lord is to observe the commands of Jesus, nothing more, nothing less.

We would advise those churches that have no pastor to meet occasionally and engage in singing the dear old songs of Zion, for, as the poet has it—

There is touching music in those hymns,
Those dear, sweet hymns of old,
With visions bright of heavenly light
And shining streets of gold,
They seem to sing forever sweet
Of God's amazing love.
I love those hymns to now repeat—
They lift my thoughts above.

Then may we take encouragement from the word of the Lord, which says, "Fear not, little flock, it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom;" and with the poet when he said:

Poor and afflicted, Lord, are thine
Among the great unfit to shine.

May the Lord keep us humble, is our prayer. Humbly submitted.

Written by J. D. CURTIS, Moderator.

J. W. NEWTON, Clerk.

DECORUM

Rule 1. The churches composing this Association may be represented by messengers from their respective churches, bearing a statement certifying their appointment, together with the number bap-

tized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excluded, died, etc., since last Association. We desire that each church will name the number of messengers they desire to represent them in the Association.

Rule 2. The members thus chosen will denominate the Ocmulgee Primitive Baptist Association.

Rule 3. This Association will have a Moderator and Clerk, who will be chosen by the members present and continue in office until others are elected.

Rule 4. We believe that each church is a sovereign, and fully clothed by the great Head of the church with authority to execute gospel discipline. Therefore, we as an Association, declare that we will not receive from any church any disciplinary question to be discussed or adjusted.

Rule 5. If new churches desire to be admitted in this Association they may do so by making application to the Association and being constituted by an orthodox presbytery, and having the fellowship of orderly sister churches of this union, and will be manifested by the Moderator extending to the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

Rule 6. Every motion seconded should command the observation of the Association unless it be withdrawn by the one who made it.

Rule 7. We desire to keep a chain of correspondence with all orderly Primitive Baptist Associations.

Rule 8. This Association has the right to amend these rules when the majority of the union shall deem it necessary.

Rule 9. This Association may adjourn to any time or place she may think proper, and to have the minutes of the Association printed if necessary.

Rule 10. These rules have no jurisdiction over the churches whatever, but are to govern the members while present for the purpose of preserving order in the house of God while in session.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	CLERKS AND P. O.	PASTORS	Received by Ex. and Baptism	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Number	Time of Meeting	Money for Minutes
Crooked Creek	E. E. Carter, C. M. Hudson, J. C. Wray	C. M. Hudson, Eatonton, Ga.	W. J. Green	0	0	2	0	1	18	1	2.00
Mt. Zion	D. M. Moore, W. M. James, C. W. Bragg	W. M. James, Gray, Ga.	J. H. Gresham	2	0	0	0	1	39	3	3.50
Shoal Creek	J. W. Curtis, J. O. Hitchcock, J. D. Carter	J. W. Curtis, Rutledge, Ga.	J. A. Monsees	0	0	0	0	3	23	4	4.00
Mt. Pleasant	J. M. Tyner, J. C. Brock, J. T. Connor	J. M. Tyner, Wayside, Ga.	J. D. Curtis	0	1	1	0	0	23	2	2.00
New Hope	T. J. Bazemore, J. P. Green	B. R. Jarrard, Round Oak, Ga.	B. F. Williamson	2	1	1	1	0	40	4	4.00
Ephesus	W. M. Jackson	W. M. Jackson, Forsyth, Ga.	J. R. Hunt	0	0	0	0	2	13	2	3.00
County Line	J. W. Hardin	J. M. Lawrence, Monticello, Ga	J. T. Glover	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	1.50
Smyrna	J. W. Newton, G. W. Webb, J. N. Zellner	G. W. Webb, Forsyth, Ga.	T. G. Wright	1	0	0	0	1	24	4	3.00
Fellowship	C. J. Bachelor	W. L. Lane, Jackson, Ga.	No supply	0	0	0	0	0	21	....	1.50
Camp Creek	J. I. Farmer, J. T. Bloodworth	J. I. Farmer, Milledgeville, Ga.	W. J. Green	0	0	0	1	2	21	....	2.00